

REMARKS*Status of the Claims*

Claims 1-16 were in the application as examined.

Claims 7-16 were deemed by Examiner to be withdrawn as directed to non-elected inventions. Applicants respectfully assert the right to pursue further prosecution of these withdrawn claims in a divisional or continuing application.

Claims 1-3 and 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,717,854 to Egawaa, *et al.* (hereinafter, "Egawa").

Claims 4 and 6 are allowed.

By this response, claims 1-3 and 5 are canceled. Applicants respectfully assert the right to pursue further prosecution of these canceled claims and other inventive subject matter described in the specification in a divisional or continuing application.


Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that claims 4 and 6, all claims remaining in the application, are allowed. It is requested that all remaining claims be passed to issue.

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